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1. The 1954 import quota for tanning materials has already been fulfilled and DIA and DRZ now have on hand more tanning material than East German industry expects to need during 1954. These tanning materials are carried as pflanzliche Gerbstoffe (natural tanning materials). Certain plants of the East German tanning industry would prefer to have some quantities of synthetic tanning materials imported.
2. DIA rejected this change, stating that it could not import synthetic materials when the plan calls for the import of natural materials "as this would be a falsification of the plan".

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